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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Ellen M. McAvoy

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☒ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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Reissue Applications

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because the error which is relied upon to support the reissue application is not an error upon which a reissue can be based. See 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) and MPEP § 1414.

The reissue application declaration cites as the error upon which this reissue is based by referring to another patent. The error cited is:

“U.S. Patent No. 5,719,109 discloses, describes and exemplifies lubricating oil compositions containing either an ester of phthalic acid or an alkylated benzene, but failed to claim lubricating oil compositions containing an alkylated benzene. The present reissue application introduces claims to lubricating oil compositions containing an alkylated benzene.”

It is not clear how the error upon which this reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,235,691 is based is found in another patent. Additionally, U.S. Patent No. 5,719,109 does not disclose lubricating oil compositions containing esters of phthalic acid.

Claims 12-15 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue oath/declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the oath/declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

Claims 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being based upon new matter added to the patent for which reissue is sought. The added material which is not supported by the prior patent is as follows:

Independent claims 12 and 14 set forth that the compositions contain “at least 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the lubricating oil compositions, of an alkylated benzene

having a viscosity index of less than 100". There is no support in the specification for such a limitation. The specification teaches that the lubricating oil compositions comprise at least 10% by weight of the total oil composition of an ester of phthalic acid having a viscosity index less than 100. Alkylbenzenes are taught in column 4, lines 28-29, as possible synthetic oils, but no amount is set forth and no value for viscosity index is set forth.

Dependent claims 13 and 15 set forth that "said alkylated benzene is alkyl (C_{24} average) benzene." There is no support in the specification for such a limitation. Alkylbenzenes are taught in column 4, lines 28-29, as possible synthetic oils, and specific alkylbenzenes include "e.g., dodecyl-benzenes, tetradecylbenzenes, dinonylbenzenes, di-(2-ethylhexyl)-benzenes, etc.", but none of the alkylbenzenes contain 24 carbon atoms.

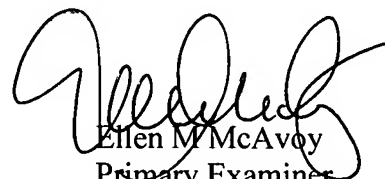
The continuing data is incorrect; the filing receipt should read "which is a CON of 08/968,696, filed 11/12/1997, now Abandoned" and NOT as it reads "which is a CON of 08/968,696, filed 11/12/1997, now PAT 6,116,658." U.S. Patent No. 6,116,658 is titled "Counter Torque Tube Connection" and is not related to this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ellen M. McAvoy whose telephone number is (571) 272-1451. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-5:00) with alt. Fridays off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on (571) 272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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